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SUBJECT: MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS

1. AT REQUEST OF ROMANIAN EMBOFFS RACEANU AND PETRESCU, DESK OFFICERS FROM EUR/EE, CU/EE AND OES/APT/SEP MET WITH THEM ON DEC 12 TO INFORMALLY OUTLINE MAIN USG CONCERNS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE RAISED DURING MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS. RACEANU PLANS MEET SEPARATELY WITH USIA/IEU DESK OFFICER WHO WAS UNABLE ATTEND MEETING.

2. BEFORE GETTING INTO SUBSTANCE, FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED RE FORMAT OF TALKS:

A. AGENDA: AS OF NOW, ALL AGREED WITH PRACTICALITY OF HOLDING CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE, INFORMATION, ETC.

B. PARTICIPATION BY HEADS OF DELEGATION: ROMANIAN EMBASSY THOUGHT DEP FO;MIN GLIGA WOULD PARTICIPATE ONLY IN OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS. AT PRESENT, ROMANIAN  
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EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM

MINED AND/OR NCST WILL BE SENT FROM BUCHAREST TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS. IF NOT, EMBOFFS WOULD CONDUCT PROGRAM REVIEW FOR ROMANIAN SIDE.

3. EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL EXCHANGES: DEPTOFFS POINTED OUT THAT EMBASSY BUCAREST HAS BEEN CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE SERIES OF "MINI-REVIEWS" WITH MINED AND NCST, WHICH ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR IN DETAIL WITH MAIN USG CONCERNS. DRAWING ON EMBASSY'S MANY INFORMATIVE CABLES, WE EXPRESSED SOME SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF PRESENT PROGRAM SO FAR, CITED ROMANIAN RESPONSE FOR SHORT-TERM VISITORS (EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL SPECIALISTS) AS BEING PARTICULARLY POSITIVE, AND IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING MAJOR CONCERNS WHICH MIGHT ARISE DURING REVIEW:

--UNUSED ROMANIAN GRANTS WITH ATTENDANT BUDGETARY PROBLEMS;

--LATE NOMINATIONS AND BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS;

--APPARENT DISREGARD FOR "60-40" FORMULA;

--IMPACT OF STATE DECREE NO. 95;

--PROBLEMS ARISING FROM MINED'S PROPRIETARY CONTROL OVER EXCHANGES;

--ACCESS TO ROMANIAN ARCHIVES;

--DIFFICULTIES IN EXPANDING PRIVATE COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN UNIVERSITIES/INSTITUTIONS.

4. WITH REGARD TO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH, WE TOLD THE ROMANIANS THAT WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE SPECIFICS, SINCE WE EXPECTED US AGENCIES TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AT THE MID-TERM REVIEW SESSION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE COOPERATION AND THAT THERE ARE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS. CONCERNING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WE REMINDED THEM THAT PROF. URSU HAD PROMISED TO SEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOME NEW PROPOSALS TO DR. STEVER "WITHIN TEN DAYS". TWO MONTHS HAD GONE BY SINCE HIS VISIT AND THE PROPOSALS STILL HAVE NOT ARRIVED. WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH, WE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ERDA MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS DELIVERED BY DR. RODEAN. WE ALSO OPINED THAT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WILL PROBABLY BRING UP THE SHORTFALLS IN EXCHANGE QUOTAS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF LAUNCHING

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH. WE NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS PLEASED WITH ITS PROJECT ON PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL FACTORS IN THE SELECTION OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES AND WILL PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS THE OTHER PROJECTS THEY HAVE BEEN EXPLORING IN ROMANIA. REGARDING THE DEPT. OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, WE NOTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WILL CERTAINLY BE INFLUENCED BY THE RESULTS OF THE HEW TEAM VISIT TO BUCHAREST LAST MARCH. WE CITED THE "CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM" EXPRESSED IN THE TEAM'S REPORT ABOUT EXPANDING COOPERATION, I.E., TO UTILIZE EXISTING POSSIBILITIES BEFORE EXPANDING COOPERATION. WE ALSO MENTIONED AGAIN HEW'S INTEREST IN HAVING A ROMANIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE "US-ROMANIAN WORKSHOP ON PRIORITIES IN HEALTH RESEARCH", TO BE HELD AT NIH NEXT SPRING.

5. ON DEC 15, ROMANIAN EMBOFFS ALSO DISCUSSED SCHEDULE FOR DEP FONMIN GLIGA ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO HIM NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO EXCHANGES PROGRAM. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT ONLY VERY TENTATIVE THOUGHTS COULD BE EXCHANGED UNTIL WE LEARN HOW MUCH TIME GLIGA WILL HAVE HERE. ROMANIANS WERE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT VISIT BY GLIGA TO IREX WAS IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH IREX PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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